

IN A PICKLE '57' DIE by J. S. Nelson.

The Tomkins Catalogue gives the Identity of the die '57' to be Heinz, just as our lists have done for many years. It seemed too obvious to be questioned but I always had a nagging doubt about it and mentioned this to Rosemary Smith at the London meeting in November '88.

Rosemary confirmed that it was indeed a wrong identity and afterwards sent me details of a postcard in her collection bearing a ½d green Jubilee perforated 57 and postmarked 21st. February 1901. The user was STERN BROTHERS, Oil Refiners and Grease Manufacturers, of 57 Gracechurch Street, London EC (and at Glasgow).

So much for the uninspired guess of someone in the past, which must now mean the amendment of carefully prepared write-ups in one or two collections.

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